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SUBJ: DEMARCHES ON EXECUTIONS IN ZAIRE

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1. TO COMPLETE RECORD OUTLINED REFTELS, FRENCH AMB ROSS DOES NOT SEEM TO FULLY SHARE GEORGY'S CONCERN THAT GOF WAS "MANIPULATED" INTO BEING OUT IN FRONT OF US AND BELGIANS IN MAKING DEMARCHE TO GOZ. ROSS SAYS HE BELIEVES THAT, GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, HIS GOVT ACTED CORRECTLY IN MAKING UNILATERAL APPROACH, WHICH IN THE EVENT WAS APPARENTLY MADE JUST AFTER THE USG'S MORE FORMAL DEMARCHE IN WASHINGTON. WHILE ROSS ALSO BELIEVES IN DOING THINGS IN AN ORDERLY AND DELIBERATE WAY, HE HAS BEEN AROUND THIS PLACE LONG ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THAT IS SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE. ONE SUCH TIME WAS LAST FRIDAY WHEN THE GOZ MOVED WITH UNUSUAL SPEED (TWELVE HOURS) IN CARRYING OUT THE COURT'S DEATH SENTENCES FOR LARGER NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS THAN MOST OBSERVERS HERE ANTICIPATED.

2. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ROSS' DEMARCHE WAS MADE ON POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC, RATHER THAN HUMANITARIAN, GROUNDS. ROSS INDICATED HE TOOK GENERAL LINE OF EXPRESSING HOPE GOZ HAD FULLY CONSIDERED
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POSSIBLE IMPACT ON ATTITUDES ABROAD AT TIME ZAIRE WAS IN NEED OF INCREASED FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.
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